CLAIMS

- 1. A cosmetic composition for caring for or making up keratinous substances, comprising at least one ester which is liquid at ambient temperature
- possessing an aromatic group, said ester resulting from the esterification by an aromatic acid of at least one pendent hydroxyl group or hydroxyl group at a chain end of a hydroxylated aliphatic compound selected from the group consisting of hydroxylated aliphatic acids and
- their esters, and mixtures thereof, said composition being devoid of lanolin and lanolin derivatives.
 - 2. The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one pasty compound other than lanolin or than one of its derivatives.
- 3. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aromatic acid of the ester possessing an aromatic group is selected from the group consisting of benzoic acid, phenylacetic acid, cinnamic acid, 3-phenylpropanoic acid, salicylic acid, terephthalic acid, trimellitic acid, pyromellitic acid and mixtures thereof.
 - 4. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aromatic acid is benzoic acid.
- 5. The composition according to Claim 1,
 25 wherein the hydroxylated aliphatic acids comprise from
 2 to 40 carbon atoms.

- 6. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the hydroxylated aliphatic acids additionally comprise from 1 to 20 hydroxyl groups capable of being esterified by the aromatic acid.
- 7. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the hydroxylated aliphatic compound is selected from the group consisting of:
 - i) saturated linear monohydroxylated aliphatic monoacids of formula: .
- 10 (1) $CH_3 (CH_2)_x CH (CH_2)_y COOH$ with $0 \le x + y \le 37$ | OH
 - or (2) $HO-CH_2-(CH_2)_x-COOH$ with $0 \le x \le 38$;
- 15 ii) saturated branched monohydroxylated aliphatic
 monoacids of formula:

or (3') 2-ethyl-3-hydroxycaprylic acid of formula:

- iii) unsaturated monohydroxylated aliphatic monoacids of formula:
- 30 (4) $CH_3 (CH_2)_x CH (CH_2)_y CH = CH (CH_2)_z COOH$ | OH

with $0 \le x + y + z \le 35$

or (5) $CH_3 - (CH_2)_x - CH = CH - (CH_2)_y - CH - (CH_2)_z - COOH$ OH

with $0 \le x + y + z \le 35$

- 5 or (6) $HOCH_2-(CH_2)_x-CH=CH-(CH_2)_y-COOH$ with $0 \le x + y \le 36$; iv) saturated polyhydroxylated aliphatic monoacids of formula:
- (7) $CH_3 (CH_2)_x CH (CH_2)_y CH (CH_2)_z COOH$ 10 | | OH OH

with $0 \le x + y + z \le 36$;

- v) saturated monohydroxylated aliphatic polyacids of formula:
- (8) HOOC- $(CH_2)_x$ -CH- $(CH_2)_y$ -COOH

 OH

with $0 \le x + y \le 37$;

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- vi) saturated polyhydroxylated aliphatic polyacids;
 vii) esters of saturated linear monohydroxylated
 aliphatic monoacids;
 viii) esters of unsaturated monohydroxylated aliphatic
 monoacids;
- 25 x) esters of saturated polyhydroxylated aliphatic
 polyacids;
 - xi) partial or complete esters of C_2 to C_{16} polyol which has reacted with a hydroxylated aliphatic acid; and mixtures thereof.

- 8. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the hydroxylated aliphatic compound is selected from the group consisting of:
- lactic acid; 12-hydroxyoctadecanoic acid;
- 5 α -hydroxyoctadecanoic acid;
 - glycolic acid or juniperic acid;
 - leucinic acid or 2-ethyl-3-hydroxycaprylic acid;
 - ricinoleic acid;
 - 3-hydroxy-4-hexenoic acid or hydroxynervonic acid;
- 10 16-hydroxy-6-hexadecenoic acid;
 - 9,10-dihydroxyoctadecanoic acid, 9,12-dihydroxyoctadecanoic acid, aleuritic acid, 9,10,12trihydroxyoctadecanoic acid, hexahydroxyoctadecanoic
 acid or octahydroxyoctadecanoic acid;
- 15 malic acid or citric acid;
 - tartaric acid;

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- isostearyl lactate, the lactate resulting from $C_{12}\text{-}C_{13}$ alcohol, octyldodecyl lactate, oleyl lactate, myristyl lactate;
- 20 2-ethylhexyl hydroxystearate, octyldodecyl hydroxystearate, isostearyl hydroxystearate, isodecyl hydroxystearate, glyceryl trihydroxystearate, dipentaerythrityl hexahydroxystearate;
 - butyl ricinoleate, octyldodecyl ricinoleate, cetyl
- 25 ricinoleate, glyceryl triricinoleate;

- diisostearyl malate, triisostearyl citrate, trioctyldodecyl citrate;
- the tartrate resulting from branched C_{12} - C_{13} dialcohols;
- 5 and mixtures thereof.
 - 9. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aromatic ester is an aliphatic fatty acid ester ester, the fatty acid residue of which comprises at least 12 carbon atoms.
- 10. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the hydroxylated aliphatic compound is selected from the group consisting of esters of ricinoleic acid, esters of 12-hydroxystearic acid, esters of lactic acid, esters of 14-hydroxyicosenoic acid, and mixtures thereof.
 - 11. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aromatic ester exhibits a viscosity of greater than 500 cP (50 Pa·s) at 20°C and/or a refractive index ≥ 1.48.
- 20 12. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aromatic ester is selected from the group consisting of glyceryl monobenzoyl ricinoleate, glyceryl mono/dibenzoyl ricinoleate, glyceryl dibenzoyl ricinoleate, glyceryl tribenzoyl ricinoleate, and 25 mixtures thereof.

- 13. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aromatic ester is present in an amount sufficient to confer, on the composition, properties of non-greasiness, of non-stickiness, of slip, of gloss, of coverage, of non-exudation and/or of hold over time.
 - 14. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the aromatic ester is present in an amount ranging from 5 to 90% of the total weight of the composition.
- 15. The composition according to Claim 2, wherein the pasty compound has a hardness at 20°C of between 0.001 and 0.5 MPa
- 16. The composition according to Claim 2, wherein the pasty compound has a liquid fraction at 23°C of between 40 and 85%, by weight.
 - 17. The composition according to Claim 2, wherein the pasty compound has a liquid fraction at 32°C of between 90 and 100%, by weight.
- 18. The composition according to Claim 2,
 20 wherein the pasty compound is selected from the group consisting of
 - polymeric or nonpolymeric silicone compounds
 - polymeric or nonpolymeric fluorinated compounds
 - vinyl polymers, as follows:
- homopolymers of olefins
 - copolymers of olefins

- hydrogenated homopolymers and copolymers of dienes
- homo- or copolymeric, linear or branched,
 oligomers of alkyl (meth) acrylates preferably
 having a C₈-C₃₀ alkyl group
- \bullet homo- and copolymeric oligomers of vinyl esters having $C_8\text{-}C_{30}$ alkyl groups,
 - homo- and copolymeric oligomers of vinyl ethers having C_8 - C_{30} alkyl groups,
 - fat-soluble polyethers resulting from the
- 10 polyetherification between one or more C_2 - C_{100} , preferably C_2 - C_{50} , diols,
 - esters,

and mixtures thereof.

- 19. The composition according to Claim 2,
- wherein the pasty compound is a hydrocarbonaceous compound.
 - 20. The composition according to Claim 18, wherein the pasty compound is polymethyl trifluoropropyl methylalkyl dimethylsiloxane.
- 21. The composition according to Claim 18, wherein the fat-soluble polyether is selected from the group consisting of copolymers of ethylene oxide and/or of propylene oxide with long-chain C₆-C₃₀ alkylene oxides.

- 22. The composition according to Claim 21, wherein the fat-soluble polyether is a polyoxyethylene/polydodecyl glycol block copolymer.
- 23. The composition according to Claim 18,
 5 wherein the esters are selected from the group consisting of
 - esters of vegetable fatty acids,
 - arachidyl propionate,
 - phytosterol esters,
- non-crosslinked polyesters resulting from the polycondensation between a linear or branched C_4 - C_{50} dicarboxylic or polycarboxylic acid and a C_2 - C_{50} diol or polyol,
- ester aliphatic esters resulting from the
 esterification of an aliphatic hydroxycarboxylic acid
 ester by an aliphatic carboxylic acid,
 - and mixtures thereof.
- 24. The composition according to Claim 23, wherein the aliphatic carboxylic acid of the aliphatic ester is selected from the group consisting of hexanoic acid, heptanoic acid, octanoic acid, 2-ethylhexanoic acid, nonanoic acid, decanoic acid, undecanoic acid, dodecanoic acid, tridecanoic acid, tetradecanoic acid, pentadecanoic acid, hexadecanoic acid, hexyldecanoic acid, heptadecanoic acid, octadecanoic acid, isostearic acid, nonadecanoic acid, icosanoic acid, isoarachidic

acid, octyldodecanoic acid, henicosanoic acid, docosanoic acid, and mixtures thereof.

- 25. The composition according to Claim 23, wherein the aliphatic hydroxycarboxylic acid ester results from a hydroxylated aliphatic carboxylic acid comprising from 2 to 40 carbon atoms and from 1 to 20 hydroxyl groups.
 - 26. The composition according to Claim 25, wherein the aliphatic hydroxycarboxylic acid ester is selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) partial or complete esters of saturated linear monohydroxylated aliphatic monocarboxylic acids;

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- b) partial or complete esters of unsaturated monohydroxylated aliphatic monocarboxylic acids;
- 15 c) partial or complete esters of saturated monohydroxylated aliphatic polycarboxylic acids;
 - d) partial or complete esters of saturated
 polyhydroxylated aliphatic polycarboxylic acids;
 - e) partial or complete esters of C_2 to C_{16} aliphatic
- polyols which have reacted with a mono- or polyhydroxylated aliphatic monocarboxylic or polycarboxylic acid, and mixtures thereof.
- 27. The composition according to Claim 26,
 25 wherein the aliphatic hydroxycarboxylic acid ester is selected from the group consisting of:

- the ester resulting from the esterification reaction of hydrogenated castor oil with isostearic acid in the proportions 1 to 1 (1/1) or hydrogenated castor oil monoisostearate,
- the ester resulting from the esterification reaction of hydrogenated castor oil with isostearic acid in the proportions 1 to 2 (1/2) or hydrogenated castor oil diisostearate,
- the ester resulting from the esterification

 10 reaction of hydrogenated castor oil with isostearic

 acid in the proportions 1 to 3 (1/3) or hydrogenated

 castor oil triisostearate,
 - and mixtures thereof.
- 28. The composition according to Claim 1,

 15 wherein it furthere comprises an oily phase comprising
 at least 70% by weight of an oil with a molar mass of
 between 650 and 10 000 g/mol.
- 29. The composition according to Claim 28, wherein the oil of high molar mass is selected from the 20 group consisting of:
 - lipophilic polymers
 - esters of linear fatty acids having a total number of carbons ranging from 35 to 70
 - hydroxylated esters
- 25 aromatic esters
 - branched C₂₄-C₂₈ fatty alcohol or fatty acid esters

- silicone oils
- oils of vegetable origin
 and mixtures thereof.
- 30. The composition according to Claim 28,

 5 wherein the oil of high molar mass is selected from the
 group consisting of polybutylenes, hydrogenated
 polyisobutylenes, polydecenes, hydrogenated polydecenes,
 vinylpyrrolidone copolymers, pentaerythrityl
 tetrapelargonate, polyglyceryl-2 triisostearate,
- tridecyl trimellitate, triisoarachidyl citrate,
 pentaerythrityl tetraisononanoate, pentaerythrityl
 triisostearate, polyglyceryl-2 tetraisostearate,
 pentaerythrityl tetra(2-decyltetradecanoate),
 phenylated silicones, sesame oil, and mixtures thereof.
- 31. The composition according to Claim 28, wherein it comprises an oily phase comprising at least 80% of an oil with a molar mass of between 650 and 10 000 g/mol.
- 32. The composition according to Claim 1,
 20 which is provided in the form of a product for making
 up the body, of a lipstick, of a lip gloss, of a
 mascara, of a nail varnish, of a product for colouring
 or caring for the hair, or of a deodorant.
- 33. The composition according to Claim 1,25 wherein it further comprises at least one additional

fatty substance chosen from oils, waxes, gums, resins, lipophilic polymers and their mixtures.

- 34. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein it further comprises at least one colouring
 5 material.
- 35. The composition according to Claim 34, wherein the colouring material is selected from the group consisting of dyes which are soluble or dispersible in the composition, pigments, pearlescent agents and their mixtures.
- 36. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein it further comprises an additive selected from the group consistinf of antioxidants, cosmetic or dermatological active principles, preservatives,

 15 gelling agents for liquid fatty substances, dispersants and mixtures thereof.
- 37. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein it further comprises a cosmetic active principle selected from the group consisting of
 20 vitamins A, E, C or B₃, provitamins, soothing active principles, aloe vera, allantoin, plant extracts or essential oils, protecting or restructuring agents, freshness active principles, emollients, moisturizing agents, anti-wrinkle active principles, essential fatty acids, and mixtures thereof.

- The composition according to Claim 1, wherein it is provided in shaped form.
- 39. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein it is provided in the form of a continuous oily 5 phase.
 - 40. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein it is provided in the form of a lipstick.
- A method for conferring to a composition properties of gloss, of comfort, of hold over time, of 10 non-stickiness, of non-greasiness, of good spreading and/or of slip, and/or for limiting the exudation of the said composition, comprising combining therewith (i) of at least one ester possessing an aromatic group which is liquid at ambient temperature resulting from 15 the esterification by an aromatic acid of at least one pendent hydroxyl group or hydroxyl group at the chain end of a hydroxylated aliphatic compound chosen from hydroxylated aliphatic acids and their esters and (ii) of at least one pasty compound other than lanolin or of one of its derivatives having a hardness at 25°C of between 0.001 and 0.5 MPa, the liquid fraction of which
 - at 23°C is between 9 and 97% by weight.